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I am writing today to ask you to reject Petition 04-160 from the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB). This petition intends to remove the weather and traffic reports provided by XM Radio.

I have been a subscriber to XM Radio nearly since its inception and enjoy the service. Since it is a service for which I pay a subscription, I do not feel that the NAB has any standing in this matter.

I pay for in-my-car satellite service as I could not longer tolerate the endless commercial spot sets and generic music catering to the least common denominators of society. Tune up and down the AM or FM dial and tell me what VARIETY of programming exists? Well, not much. Just as you do, I live in the Washington, DC, metro area, and short of WTOP for the news and WAMU for NPR, there is precious little else on the airwaves. I literally gave up on the commercial airwaves!

With XM Satellite Radio, I can listen to what I want to listen to, when I want to, and without endless, mindless, commercials. Since this is a pay-for service, I can see no reason why Petition 04-160 has any merit. I might add that XM's traffic and weather reports are constant, accurate, up-to-date, and are played continuously, rather than "on the 8's".

Please put my vote to allow XM to continue to provide the high quality programming, traffic, and weather reports, and to reject Petition 04-160.

Regards,

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